

REMARKS

OVERVIEW

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled, thereby mooting all previous rejections. Claims 21-35 are new. This amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 21-35 are similar in scope to the now cancelled claims. However, all currently pending claims are directed towards methodologies of the present invention. There are no longer any system claims.

New independent claim 21 is similar in scope of previous claim 1. One difference, however, is that it is now explicit in claim 21 that the bar code data is displayed on a video display associated with a computing device and the information derived from the bar code is used by the computing device. It is respectfully submitted that this clearly distinguishes the Applicants' claimed invention from U. S. Patent No. 5,579,537 to Takahisa. This same patentable distinction is also presented in the only other independent claim, claim 26. The idea of data interchange between applications running on the same computer is clear in the Specification as originally filed, including at least at paragraphs 48 through 55.

CONCLUSION

Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account 26-0084 the amount of \$595.00 to cover the costs associated with this filing. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment, however, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,

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